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Practice Limited to the
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Office over Burwell & Dunn's Drug Store.
Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Sept. 5, 1890.

BURWELL & DUNN,
Wholesale and Retail Druggists,
Offer all Goods in their line at lowest Market prices.
We have a large and well selected Stock, and pay strict and careful attention to the Retail Trade.
BURWELL & DUNN,
Opposite Central Hotel.
Sept. 7, 1889.

THE STAR MILLS,
Charlotte, N. C.
Manufactures best Corn Meal and Mill Feed, and deals in all kinds of Grain.
The Mill is situated near the Railroad crossing on East Trade street.
Nov. 11, 1889.

HUGHES'
Quinine Hair Tonic,
The best preparation made for the Hair. It imparts Vigor to the Scalp, Cleanses it and thoroughly eradicates Dandruff, and stops the Hair falling. Price 25 and 50 cents. Prepared by
R. H. JORDAN & CO. Druggists,
Springs Corner, Charlotte, N. C.
March 28, 1890.

A Duty to Yourself.
It is surprising that people will use a common, ordinary pill when they can secure a valuable English one for the same money. Dr. Acker's English pills are a positive cure for sick-headache and all liver troubles. They are small, sweet, easily taken and do not gripe.
Sept. 6, '89. R. H. JORDAN & CO.

COMMON SALT FOR NEURALGIA.—It is not generally known that common salt is an admirable remedy for neuralgia. Dr. George Leslie gives details of thirty or forty cases of facial and other neuralgia, odontalgia, etc., which have been cured, in most instances instantaneously, by the insufflation of common salt. The salt was either "snuffed" or blown up the nostrils. He said he had been unsuccessful in only two cases; both of these were cases of old standing, which had been treated frequently by morphine injections.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.
By virtue of a Deed of Trust made to me by J. C. Clark, dated Oct. 1st, 1888, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg county, Book 63, page 456, etc., I will sell at public auction for Cash, at the Court House door in Charlotte, N. C., at 12 o'clock, P. M., Oct. 11th, 1890, all that Lot therein described known as "Bob Wall Lot," being 40 1/2 feet on 8th Street and extending back 200 feet.
J. E. COCHRANE, Trustee.
Sept. 12, 1890.

North Carolina—Mecklenburg County.
Superior Court—Special Proceedings.
SIMMONS.
H. W. Harris, Adm'r. of Jane E. Grey, deceased, plaintiff, against H. A. Grey, T. E. Grey, Clarence Grey, Rush Grey, Walter W. Morrison, Richard C. Morrison, Wm. Grey, Sarah A. Ezzell and J. A. Ezzell, defendants.
The defendants Sarah A. Ezzell and J. A. Ezzell, being non-residents of this State, will take notice that an action has been commenced in this Court by the plaintiff against the defendants, the purpose of which is to sell certain Real Estate in said county for assets to pay the debts of Jane E. Grey, deceased, and said defendants are hereby required to appear at my office in Charlotte on or before the 20th day of October, 1890, and answer or demur to plaintiff's petition hereto, and sign and file for the Court a relief demanded in said petition. Witness my hand and Clerk Superior Court of Mecklenburg county.
Sept. 5, 1890.

Gray & Barnhardt.
DEALERS IN
Boots, Shoes, Trunks and Valises.
We carry constantly on hand a large and varied stock of Boots & shoes, from the cheapest to the best. We make a specialty of Honest made shoes. It is anything but a lie to say that we buy the best of it. We do so. By doing so we get a shoe that gives better satisfaction and much more comfort to the wearer.
It is always our aim to give our customers value received for their money. To do so we buy our shoes from the best and most reliable manufacturers in the land, thereby getting

The Best Shoes
That money can buy and at prices that compete with all competition.
Do not understand us that we only sell Fine Shoes. We sell a good Brogan for \$1.00, a first quality for \$1.50, a woman's all-leather Button Shoe for \$1.00, etc.

We have placed all our orders for Fall Shoes and have already received several shipments. A little early for Fall Shoes, you say. Well, you will always find us that way. We buy early, thereby getting many advantages we would not get should we wait.
We keep and have placed a large order for Fall Shoes with a Southern manufacturer, so we shall be able to show you (in a few weeks) the most complete line of home-made shoes ever shown in this city. The leather is tanned in the South, the shoes are made in the South, so that they are strictly home-made shoes.
Call at our place, see our shoes, get our prices, and you are sure to get the best shoes for the least money.

GRAY & BARNHART,
(Successors to Gray & Co.)
19 East Trade Street.
Aug. 1, 1890.

NEW SHOES.
We are now showing complete lines of the
Finest SHOES and SLIPPERS, for
Fall and Winter Wear.

Designed and made expressly to our order. We are showing great values this season, elegant and approved styles, the lowest prices and best makes. Every one will do well to see our surpassed stock of Shoes and Slippers, whether needing such things or not. We will interest you.
We have just received a large shipment of the celebrated Grosvenor soft shoes for ladies. Ladies troubled with tender feet will find great relief in these shoes, made by hand and in such a way that the seams do not bind or draw.
Prices: French Gaiter \$2.25, Soft Gaiter Kid Lace \$2.50, French Kid Button \$2.50, by mail 25 cents extra. Call and see us and try our shoes.
Open evenings till 8:30, Saturday till 11.
GILBREATH & CO.,
Successors to Pegg & Co.
March 21, 1890.

E. M. ANDREWS,
Furniture, Piano and Organ Dealer.

PIANOS—Chickering, Mathushek and Sterling Pianos are too well known to the people to require any special recommendation. All of them are guaranteed, if they do not please you, you need not keep them. There are no lower prices, nor easier terms offered by any one than those offered by me.

ORGANS—What are you going to do about that Organ you promised your wife and daughter? Buy nothing but the celebrated Mason and Hamlin or Sterling Organ, and you are not always having them repaired. Sterling Organs for only \$20 and Mason & Hamlin's for only \$35. Write me for descriptive price list.

FURNITURE—Never before since I have been in business was my stock of Furniture so large and complete in every line as it is to-day, and prices were never lower. I keep right up with the styles, and represent every thing just as it is. If you buy anything from me and it is not as represented return it and I will pay your money back. Who could do more? Who could ask more? Write for my prices.

MOSQUITO CANOPIES—I sell 90-inch reversible frame Mosquito Canopies with all the fixtures for hanging for only \$3.
E. M. ANDREWS,
16 and 18 West Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C.
July 4, 1890.

SPARKLING CATAWBA SPRINGS,
CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,
DR. E. O. ELLIOTT & SON,
Proprietors.

Before Death.
How much would I care for it, could I know that when I am under the grass or snow, The ravaged garment of life's brief day Folded, and quietly laid away?

The spirit let loose from mortal bars, And somewhere away among the stars— How much do you think it would matter then What praise was lavished upon me, when, Whatever might be his stint or store, It neither could help nor harm me more?

If, midst of my toil, they had but thought To stretch a finger, I would have caught Gladly such aid, to bear me through Some bitter duty I had to do; And when it was done had I but heard One breath of applause, one cheering word— One cry of "Courage!" amid the throng— So weighted for me with death or life— How would it have served my soul to strain Through the world of the coming surge again!

What use for the rope if it be not flung Till the swimmer's grasp to the rock has clung? What help in a comrade's bugle-blast When the peril of Alpine heights is past? What need that the spurring pean roar When the runner is safe beyond the goal? What worth is eulogy's blandest breath When whispered in ears that are hushed in death? No! no! if you have but a word of cheer, Speak it while I am alive to hear!

A great many horses are fed on the streets from "out bags" drawn up over their noses, and wobbling about in a manner which must make it very uncomfortable to eat one's dinner in that way. A bright horse down in "Pie alley" the other day had nearly reached the bottom of his bag. It wobbled awfully, but the oats were sweet and he was hungry. In front of him stood a wagon, and the wagon had a wheel. Happy thought! He walked up to the wheel, rested his canvas bucket on the top of it and finished his dinner to the last oat in a comfortable, leisurely fashion, and with a twinkle in his eye. If that was not a triumph of mind over matter what is?—Boston Herald.

The hippopotamus seems to be as sure as the road to extermination by hunters as the American buffalo is. Vol. Francois, the Congo explorer, says the huge but innocent pachyderms are already scarce in the waters that once teemed with them, and laments that they have been shot down by hundreds in mere wanton sport, their valuable hides being rarely removed.

PHARR & LONG,
ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS,
HATTERS AND
GENTS' FURNISHERS.

Our \$7.50 Counter is now full of Choice Summer Suits. Bargains in every one.

Our \$10 Counter is now overstocked with remnants and odds and ends from our \$12.50 and \$15 Counters, and now is your time to buy the best suit for \$10 that has ever been offered in this market.

Don't fail to get one of our Cool Summer Suits at 25 cents.

PHARR & LONG,
June 6, 1890.

SCOTCH PLAIDS.
The rage of the season culminates in the Tartan Plaid and no one in the city can show as handsome a line of these goods as we. We make the statement openly without fear of contradiction that you know as well as we that at 11 West Trade street you find the dress goods stock of the State. Plaids, Plaids, Plaids, any coloring you want. Newest colorings in these genuine imported goods. French pattern dresses are creating more real enthusiasm than we have ever before witnessed. No wonder! They are by far the handsomest, and nobbiest costumes ever brought to this market. No two of them are alike. Buying a dress of these you have the guarantee that no one else in the city will have a dress like it. It is not that a great consideration. Names such as white cords and wave diagonals, Serpes, Henriettes and Habit clothes. All grades. All Shades. We have many fine weaves in plain colored goods that are perfect beauties, such as white cords and wave diagonals. We are now showing exclusive exclusive patterns in fancy black weaves for mourning wear. Novelties in Mourning veil just received.
T. L. SEIGLE & CO.
Sept. 19, 1890.

WATCHES! WATCHES!
You will find at Hale's Jewelry Store a fine assortment of
Gold and Silver Watches
At very low figures.
Fine Watch Repairing a specialty. All work warranted.
Sept. 5, 1890. A. HALE.

SMITH'S
COTTON GINS,
FEEDERS AND CONDENSERS.
The Best Ginning Outfit Now Built. Light Drafting. Speed in doing the Work. Cleaning Seed Close. Making Good Samples.
WARRANTED TO BE AS REPRESENTED.
FIRST CLASS.
Should you want or expect to buy a new Ginn, Feeder and Condenser, this season or in the near future, be sure to write me for catalogue, prices, etc., stating your wants, and you shall be treated right.
Address: S. F. HOUSTON,
General Sales Agent, Charlotte, N. C.
Aug. 22, 1890.

Read the Following.
Before you send your Pictures to parties who enlarge them for nothing (?) call and see how much better you can have them done for the same money by
21 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
FRANKS—A fresh stock of Mountings just received.
Aug. 16, 1890.

Make an Agreement.
It is a difficult matter to deal with that class of men who will neither give nor receive a definite proposition looking to compensation. If on the other hand, you meet a man who says: "That will be all right; I guess we won't have any trouble about that part of it," set it down that there will be trouble on just "that part of it." If, on the other hand, you find a man who is always declaring: "You'll not lose any thing by this; I'll see that it's all right," you may be sure that it will be all wrong in the end. When two men of this sort get together, and the services are of such a nature that to determine their exact value at the time of their inception is impossible, the end will be a misunderstanding, mutual dissatisfaction, possibly an estrangement. Yet there is no case in which a probable value cannot be got at; if you consider matters as a complete affair, then estimate the value of results as you plan them to happen, you can never be far wrong. If you cannot do that he has no business to undertake to make contracts at all. It may be that there are times when a man may go into a business engagement without a definite idea of what his pay is to be, and there may be men who will always settle satisfactorily; but one is never safe to make engagements in such a lax way. False modesty always stands in the way of sensible business arrangements, but it is no place in business. As an old merchant once said to a writer: "We are friends, and I trust will always remain so. Perhaps it is against my interest to tell you so, but when you are making an agreement for the purchase and delivery of goods, don't think of our feeling toward each other at all. Buy of me as you would of a stranger; consider your own needs and profits, and don't hesitate to buy what you can do best. It should be exactly the way in making arrangements for employment. Treat the matter simply as business pure and simple. You can't afford to do business without making proper arrangements for all points. These sensible suggestions from the National Grocer have more than a money value. "Business is business" seems sometimes like a heartless proverb, but it is a fact that no business is likely to prove so satisfactory as that which is done strictly on business principles.

Forecasting Thunder Storms.
Among the earliest symptoms of the approach of a thunder storm is the appearance on the western horizon of a line of cumulus ("wood pack") clouds, exhibiting a peculiar turreted structure. I say on the western horizon, for most of our changes of weather come from that quarter, and it has been proved that thunder storms, like wind storms, advance over the country from west to east. This bank of clouds moves on, and when it appears first streamers and then sheets of lighter upper cloud—cirrus, or "mare's-tails"—which spread over the sky with extreme rapidity. The heavy cloud mass comes up under this film, and it is a general observation that no electrical explosion or downfall of rain ever takes place from a cloud unless streamers of cirrus, emanating from its upper surface, are visible when the cloud is looked at sideways from a distance.—R. H. Scott in Popular Science.

A Pretty Marriage Custom.
Upon the occasion of the marriage of the Archduchess Valerie at Vienna last month an old and pretty custom was observed. The ancient dame who had cared for the bride when a little child came all the way to Vienna from her country home, bringing with her a thousand and one little things associated with the bride's infancy. There were elaborate baby clothes, dolls, go-carts, shoes, gloves, rattles, stockings and infinite variety of jeweled trinkets. A most interesting item was the thing upon which Valerie gnawed at the most exciting period of her existence. All these relics were exhibited at Valerie's wedding and the old nurse was a conspicuous figure, of course. For her notable contribution to the festivities, she was most liberally rewarded with that which most liberally rewarded her for which thieves break through and steal.—Frankfort Letter.

"I notice one thing," says an observant manufacturer, "and that is that hard wood logs, especially oak, that have been placed in the water immediately after cutting and allowed to thoroughly soak, make brighter lumber, with less tendency to sap stain, than that from logs that are left on the ground for several months. I find, also, that in green logs I sawed immediately after cutting, and the lumber is thoroughly steamed preparatory to placing it in the dry kiln, the same results will be obtained, greatly enhancing the value of the lumber for fine finishing purposes."

CROCKERY AND GLASS-WARE.
You can save money by buying your Crockery and Glass-ware from JAMES HARTY, and Glass-ware from JAMES HARTY.

For Cash
He will sell you Goods lower than can be bought elsewhere.

General Stock of House-Keeping Goods, Knives and Forks, Spoons, Wood and Willow Ware, etc. Call and see.

Sept. 5, 1890. JAMES HARTY.

FALL MILLINERY.
We are now receiving our new Fall Styles All the Novelties of the season will be found in our house as soon as they come out in Northern cities.

The latest styles always on hand in our dress making department. All cutting, fitting and general supervision of this department by Mrs. Query herself.

Are now ready for all orders in our line. We guarantee our patrons latest styles, first class work and lowest prices. Respectfully,
MRS. P. QUERY & CO.
Sept. 5, 1890.

A Second Thought.
The Lines Between Helpfulness and Meddlesomeness is Very Thin.

It is frequently difficult to draw the line between meddlesomeness and helpfulness. I sometimes think of making a suggestion or doing an act which I feel would prove helpful to a friend, but which on second thought I see he may regard as downright meddlesomeness. I remember an instance in which the distinction was somewhat hard to draw. I was in Naples, on my way to Rome. I entered a compartment of a car marked "Non fumatori." I don't smoke myself, and I abominate the compartments that are filled with nasty smoke and nasty smokers. On reaching the compartment, I noticed in the dim light against the window, the figure of a woman, and also opposite the lady the figure of a man, and near the top of the masculine figure protruded a lighted cigar.

I was about to say to the figure that held this lighted cigar, in the best Italian or French I could, "This is a 'non fumatori' compartment." But I was very much afraid that my Italian would constitute him a reason for arresting me for high treason, and I desisted. Presently the train from out the castle drew, and behold, the woman herself had a cigarette between her lips, and the man was without his. I then felt that my Italian was not to be feared in endeavoring to shield her from the ravages of cigar smoke would have been meddlesomeness. My gratitude, however, became greater as I noticed that throughout the journey between Naples and Rome, this lady and gentleman smoked the same cigar by turns. I was glad I had spared myself from interfering in a united domestic felicity. It is perilous for a third party to come between a husband and wife.—A Clergyman in the Chicago Advance.

Is It the Star.
The famous "Star of Bethlehem," which heralded the birth of the Saviour, which has reappeared every two or three hundred years since that time, is said by astronomers to be about due now. In 1888 it was expected and marvellous stories went the rounds of the papers as to its brilliancy. Some claim that it can be seen even at midday when the sun is shining.

In the last few months the talk has been revived in some quarters and the curious are said to be looking for its appearance at almost any time.

All this lends some interest to the fact that a beautiful and brilliant star has been seen in the southern heavens the last few nights and the star gazers are wondering if it is the one. Those who have examined it through a glass describe its appearance as very singular. The star is said to be looking for its appearance at almost any time.

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There are few accomplishments of greater value than to be able to write in good English a brief communication for the public print. The number of people that can do so is exceedingly small. Many men who talk clearly and intelligently seem to become confused and muddy as soon as they undertake to put their thoughts on paper. What is the cause of this? Very often it is the result of negligence. The habit of dashing off what one has to say, without due forethought or proper care, begets an inability for concise and accurate utterance. We want our young readers to avoid falling into this slovenly method of literary composition. By an inevitable reaction it enfeebles and otherwise damages the intellectual faculties.—Nashville Advocate.

A surgical operation was performed on a child, Gertrude Jackson, for "knock-knees," a few days ago in Avondale, near Cincinnati. The nature of the ailment was such that she could neither walk nor even stand unless she was propped up. The bones were cut with a chisel, and then the limbs were straightened out and encased in a coat of plaster of Paris to heal. The operation has never been performed in this country before, though it has been repeatedly performed in Europe. The possibilities are that it will be successful.

Out in Saginaw, Mich., is a mathematician who has been making figures on his slate about finger nails. He finds that the average person trims off a thirty-second of an inch of nail from each finger every week, or three inches a year. The average of human life the world over is 40 years. Ten feet of finger nail for each finger—a round 200 feet from the twenty fingers and toes. There are 1,300,000 people in this world, and altogether they produce on an average 300,000,000 feet, or 66,515 miles of finger nails in a generation.

The Massachusetts Ploughman says: "A railroad man can tell what it costs his company to carry a ton of freight a mile, but not many farmers can tell what it costs to raise a calf, a colt, a sheep or even a chicken, nor what his income from the farm is per year. Both are business men in a sense, but how differently they manage their business. Who is to blame?"

A doctor in an institution with many children declares that nothing irritates a cough more than to cough. He bribed the children in one of the hospital wards to hold their breath when tempted to cough, and was himself astonished at the speedy relief of some of them.

The new sugar extracted from Germany from cotton seed meal is said to be fifteen times sweeter than cane sugar, with which, however, it cannot compete in price.

A method of expanding hoops and wheel tires by heating them with the electric current has been devised.

A Marvelous Rifle.
Another repeating rifle that is invented by a Corsican, M. Luigi, an ex-officer in the French army, which professes to be an improvement on the Lebel. It is designed more particularly for volley firing, and has this advantage, that if the magazine, which may be constructed to hold from four to five cartridges, can be filled up at once, without the cartridges having to be inserted one by one, as is the case with the Lebel rifle. A powerful spring worked by the trigger throws out each empty cartridge when fired, and simultaneously adjust another in its place.

The front part of the barrel is separated from the remaining portion, and after each discharge is slid back so as to open the magazine for the ejection of the empty cartridge. It is then brought back into position locked, and the rifle is once more ready for firing. By a special system of riding the trajectory of the bullet has been reduced to almost a direct line, while the carrying distance, with a gram of Bothwell or ordinary French gunpowder, is estimated at 4,500 meters.

How Smokeless Powder is Made.
Purified wood cellulose is gradually introduced into a very cold mixture of two parts of fuming nitric acid and two parts of concentrated sulphuric acid until a thick pulp is formed. After six hours contact the pulp is washed, first with cold and then with warm and slightly ammoniacal water. The washed product is boiled in a concentrated solution of soda of lye, gently compressed, and dried at 40° cent. In order to granulate it (an operation that is not indispensable), machines devised for the purpose are necessary.

It is probable that this smokeless powder is the same that was offered two years ago, by an English house, to the Austrian and German Governments, and refused after the examination.

The Biggest Apple Tree.—The largest apple tree in New England, and probably in the world, is in the northwestern part of Cheshire, Conn., standing in Mr. Delos Hotchkiss's dooryard. Its age can be traced by a family tradition to 140 years at least, and it may be twenty or twenty-five years older. It is at the present time of symmetrical shape; the trunk is nearly round, without a scar or blemish on it; there are eight large branches; five of them have been the habit of bearing one year and the remaining three the next. Mr. Hotchkiss has gathered in one year from the five branches 85 bushels of fruit, and his predecessor had harvested a crop of 110 bushels from the same five branches.

The trunk 1 foot above the ground, above all enlargements of the roots, is 13 feet 8 inches. The girth of the largest single limb is 5 feet 8 inches. The height of the tree has been carefully measured and found to be 60 feet, and the spread of the branches as the apples fall is 100 feet, or six rods. The fruit is rather small, and of moderate excellence.—Boston Journal.

He FORSAKE THE BARS.—The Washington Post says it is told of a certain congressman, who is noted for his wit and repartee, that when a lad at the boarding school, he passed through the dining room one day and discovered a luscious bunch of grapes upon the table. Thinking himself unobserved, he held up the fruit and said aloud:

"I proclaim the bans between this rod and Thomas J. back. Any one knowing why this union should not take place must speak at once or forever after hold his peace."

No objections being offered, the "union" took place, and the boy went on his way. When he returned to the schoolroom the master called him to his desk. Raising a rod aloft, the teacher solemnly said:

"I proclaim the bans between this rod and Thomas J. back. Any one knowing why this union should not take place must speak at once or forever after hold his peace."

"Parties fail to agree," was the quick retort.

"I withdraw the bans, and you may take your seat," said the teacher; and Tom did so amid the subdued applause and admiration of all his friends.

A singular phenomenon was observed a few weeks ago at the farm of J. A. Chase, in Sebec, Me. The sun was gradually going down in the west, and as it approached the horizon what appeared to be a small cloud was seen nearly under it. This soon burst into thousands of glimmering sparks, which were brought apparently by the air current in the direction of Mr. Chase's farm, and were distinctly seen by himself and the other members of his family. As they fell upon the earth or touched other substances they disappeared in a light smoke. While floating in the air they exhibited all the brilliant hues of the prism or rainbow. The children caught them in their hands, but there was no residuum.

THE LAMP BIRD.—An explorer, Dr. H. Labrousse, mentions a curious peculiarity of the stormy petrel, which has caused it to be styled the lamp bird by the fishermen of the island of Saint Kilda. The flesh of this bird is very oily, and the inhabitants of the island, who kill it by thousands, utilize this property for domestic purposes. They insert a wick in the bird's bill, and obtain for an hour a light that is sufficiently bright to serve their purpose.

SUPPORT FOR A HYPOTHESIS.—The long period of wet weather is attributed to the influence of the Gulf Stream. This may be the reason for it. At any rate the Gulf Stream is certainly wet.—Cape Cod Item.

Two French dentists extract teeth without pain by spraying the external ear with ether.

For Young Men—Never Too Late to Mend.
We have often heard young men complain that their early education had been neglected, and the girls and young ladies had the advantage of them in this respect. This may be true, but if looked at a little closely, they will find their own carelessness had much to do with the apparent neglect of others, and that by close application and a will to learn, they can in a few years learn much of themselves and gradually become "well posted" men in general as well as in scientific literature, and capable of filling any position in life to which they may be called. Many young men would get on better in life if they knew more, but they do not see that they should, and they are not aware that, if improved, would in ten years give them a fairly good education. They think themselves too old to learn, and spend more time regretting their lack of knowledge than would suffice to give them the knowledge they need. It is said that the father of Prof. Sumner of Yale College, could neither write nor read when he came to this country, a young English mechanic. Within twenty years thereafter he was known as one of the best read men in Hartford, one of the most cultivated communities in the country. Instead of wasting his time in idle regrets for his deficient schooling, he learned to read, and read to good purpose. In a similar way many of the best, most honored and most successful men our country has known have begun their acquaintance with letters after reaching manhood, and they are no reason why the most illiterate mechanic in our land, if possessed of a natural ability and a sincere purpose, may not increase his enjoyment in life, his opportunities for improving his social and financial condition, and the chances of his family for the highest success in life, by an honest effort to retrieve by study the disadvantages by which early poverty or lack of educational opportunities has surrounded him.

Take an honest, square view of your situation, young man, and then go to work and improve your mind. You will soon find out the difference.

No young man should fail to heed the advice contained in the above article, and secure for himself the advantages that are sure to follow, but which so many fail to obtain through neglect. Young man, you have in your own hands the keys that will open the doors to knowledge and future intelligence and usefulness—only apply them, and success will be certain, as approved by thousands of instances. It is more than probably true that "poor boys" afford the best material of which to make wise and useful men.—E. B. Drake in Stateville Landmark.

Need, the New York Times says: "If some wealthy Democrat would establish and generously endow a School of Political Tactics he would confer a priceless blessing on his party. The study of principles is taught—four or five hundred probably—and the one principle of tariff reform is a sufficient capital. Its greatest need is of men who have something more than an elementary knowledge of the business of 'running a campaign.' If the school we propose were founded and able professors appointed to deliver lectures on How to Get Out the Vote, How to Overcome Apathy—that chronic complaint of the old party—How to Fast the Issues before your own hands, How to Beat the Republicans at Their Own Game, and How to Find Out What Their Game Is, we have no doubt that it would be successful from the day its doors were opened, and the results of its teachings would be more conducive to the success of Democratic candidates than the largest campaign fund ever raised. One obvious difficulty would be the necessity of engaging able teachers and instructors. The Democrats have none who are competent."

Mrs. Mary B. Mumford was defeated in the Board of Education when she moved to refer to the Normal School Committee the question of revising the course of study. She has, however, secured some wholesome truths in very plain language. It is a fact that the girls are overloaded with studies, that they get only a superficial knowledge of any of them, and that their chief business is cramming for examinations. The course should be thoroughly revised so as to reduce the number and variety of studies, and to make the course of instruction more thorough in those that are retained.

That the instruction in the lower schools is imperfect from the same cause may be inferred from the large number of failures in arithmetic. Girls admitted to the Normal School, if properly instructed, should have a thorough knowledge of arithmetic when they enter, and should not lose that knowledge in a year, even without practice and review. Their education is of small value if they cannot retain a knowledge of such a relatively simple study as arithmetic while studying algebra and geometry. Mrs. Mumford should continue her agitation for a revision of studies until success crowns her efforts. She is on the right track, and is qualified not only to tear down, but to build up.—Phila. Ledger.

A NEW AND INGENUOUS DEVICE FOR KEEPING OYSTERS IN THE SHELL GOOD.—There is a new and ingenious device for keeping oysters good in the shell for several weeks after they have been taken from the water. Hitherto this has been done unsatisfactorily by boring holes through the edges of the shells and looking in the oysters with bits of twisted wire. By the new scheme the edges of the shells are dipped into plaster of Paris mixed with certain chemicals and make it harden quickly. In a few minutes the oyster is hermetically sealed, and so strong is the cement that not even the most muscular mollusk can manage to get a breath of fresh air after having been subjected to this process.

Cheerful, active labor is a blessing. An old philosopher says: "The freely only shines when on the wing, so it is with the mind, when once we rest, we darken."